

March 13, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR DWIGHT CHAPIN

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *KS*

SUBJECT: Request for Address by the President to Joint
Session of the National War College and the
Industrial College of the Armed Forces

As a matter of principle, I believe it is very worthwhile for the President to speak to our senior military colleges. The visit can also serve as an effective platform for an expression of the President's views on the Armed Services, strategy, or some specific national security theme. A speech on one of these topics would receive wide publicity among the Armed Services, and would also be an especially helpful morale factor.

A visit after the ABM decision is announced and the initial reaction has been observed might be a fine opportunity to assist in further publicizing the President's rationale underlying his decision. Additionally, such a speech might be a good opportunity for the President to provide a special message to the Armed Services with respect to their world-wide roles and missions and especially their sacrifices in Vietnam.

I would favor a visit to Ft. McNair to address a combined class of the National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces sometime in April, and I am prepared to assist in the preparation of appropriate remarks which should run about 20-30 minutes.

Attachment

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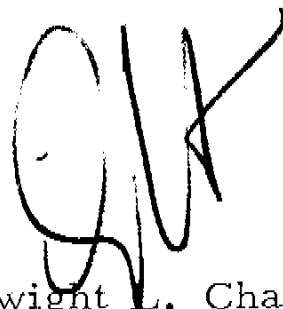
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 6, 1969
10:20 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY KISSINGER

Before I bring this up with the President,
are there any thoughts which you might have
with regard to the attached? Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DLC' or similar, written in a cursive, stylized manner.

Dwight L. Chapin

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DWIGHT CHAPIN

Attached is a letter from the National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces requesting that the President speak to a joint session of these schools. He has done this before in 1966 when I was a student. These two schools are the highest professional educational institutions in the Armed Forces and the student bodies represent a hard core of senior officers usually slated for promotion to flag rank. They are opinion makers in the services and I feel strongly that he should do this if at all possible.

Naturally, they would be glad to have him at any time that he could work it out and I am certain that they would rearrange any part of the schedule to meet his commitments. The school ends about the first week in June.


COLONEL JAMES D. HUGHES



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

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3 February 1969

My dear Mr. President:

The National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces constitute the apex of the educational system of the Department of Defense. At these two Colleges senior officers, with high promotion potential, from the Armed Services, Department of State, United States Information Agency, Central Intelligence Agency, Bureau of the Budget, and other departments of the Executive Branch of our government are brought together. For approximately ten months they study problems similar to those which confront the National Security Council and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

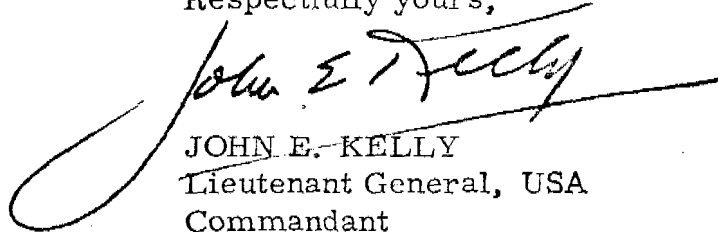
Lieutenant General John S. Hardy, USAF, Commandant of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, joins me in extending to you a most cordial invitation to address the members of both Colleges in joint assembly. We would suggest 1030 hours on the morning of Tuesday, 20 May, but shall be glad to arrange another time if this is inconvenient for you.

It would be of great benefit to the faculties and class members of the two Colleges if you would speak on a topic of your choice related to security policies of the United States and then answer questions from the floor.

As you know, you may speak freely here in the knowledge that all of your remarks will be held in strictest confidence. One of the key policies of both The National War College and the Industrial College is the inviolability of all that is said in addresses delivered to them.

General Hardy and I sincerely hope we may have the pleasure of welcoming you back to the Colleges.

Respectfully yours,


JOHN E. KELLY
Lieutenant General, USA
Commandant

The President
The White House